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MAIL ON CHRISTMAS

DELIVER LATE ARRIVING GIFTS IN COUNTY TOMORROW.

BUSINESS STOPS A DAY

Stores Open Tonight for Tardy Shoppers, But Not on Holiday—Many Big Dinners Planned.

Maryville folk, and country people as well, will receive their Christmas mail tomorrow almost as usual, but other lines of business in the city will be practically at a standstill. All, apparently, are going to observe the birthday of Christ in the customary manner. But because stores and business houses and offices are going to bear the padlock tomorrow, is no sign that the city will be lifeless on Christmas day.

Not by any means, if the weather is at all favorable and present plans of most folk are carried out. There are going to be a host of big Christmas feasts at noon tomorrow, and many a vacant chair around the family festal board will be filled by eagerly returned youngsters who have been away to school or at work.

Then the much envied motor car owners are going to be out perhaps in the afternoon for a spin, accompanied by their dearest friends, and more than one man will "tote" a gun and equipment over the surrounding country in quest of the rabbit and quail.

Usual Mail Tomorrow.

The sleigh also will be much in demand tomorrow, if the snow remains, and even the lowly bobsled, much beloved by young people in groups, will be pressed into service on this day of all days of the year.

Speaking of the mail delivery tomorrow, Postmaster James Todd announces that the general delivery windows will be open from 9 o'clock tomorrow morning until 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

One delivery of mail will be made tomorrow morning over the usual routes of the city, in addition to parcel delivery of Xmas gifts by five deliverymen in automobiles.

All rural carriers will go over their respective routes as usual in order that the load Saturday might not be so heavy, and to accommodate the anxious Christmas gift recipients. In this regard it might be mentioned that everything possible is being done to expedite the delivery of Christmas mail and parcels and to bear up under the extra heavy rain of bundles as well as it is possible to do.

City and County Offices Close.

The rush of Christmas mail began at the local postoffice Monday, and every day since then has been unusually heavy; in fact, old employes at Uncle Sam's shop say the Christmas mail this year is heavier than ever before. Not exactly in receipts, for they are slightly less, it is said, but that is because of the reduction in parcel rates, especially within the first and second zones, which include a radius of a couple of hundred miles.

Another convenience added by the government is in the insurance of parcels, and reduction in prices for such protection.

The educational institutions of the city—Normal, Business college and public grade and high schools—will all be closed tomorrow and until next year, while the students take a week or more vacation at home or with friends.

All county and city offices likewise will bear the padlock tomorrow while the officials take a much needed rest Christmas day.

Disturbs Peace; Fine $1.

Because Louis Kissinger disturbed the peace of Mrs. Silas Kissinger, his sister-in-law, yesterday, he was brought up in police court and fined $1 and costs, amounting to $6.10, late yesterday afternoon. The complaint was made by Silas Kissinger.

The First Christmas

(Luke 2:8-19)

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came unto them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

WANTS PAIR OF 'LEGHORNS'

Tots Ask Santa for Many Unusual Things, Beside Customary Gifts.

Automobiles and airships are included generally in letters the tots of Nodaway county are seeking this Christmas from Santa Claus, in addition to the usual line of gifts for boys and girls. One boy wants Kris Kringle to bring him a pair of "Leghorns," and another a team of horses and mail wagon.

Some of the letters received by The Democrat-Forum the last few days, destined for Santa Claus, are:

Dear Santa: I want a a b c book, a pair of overgaiters and candy, nuts and oranges, and my brother, 8 years old, c wants a pair of Leghorns and a arithmetic and a drum and candy and nuts.

DOROTHY KINNAN, Elmo.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a watch, a team of horses hitched to a mail wagon, a pair of skates, a pond of candy, a dozen of bananas, a dozen oranges, an automobile and a story book.

One of your little friends.

FRED BOWLAND, Barnard.

Dear Santa Claus: My name is George Miles and I live at 221 West Ninth street, Maryville, Mo. I want a sled and an airship and bring Mary Elenor a hair ribbon and pair of mittens. That is all. Good-bye.

BUSTER MILES.

ELMO MAN RURAL CARRIER.

Ercill C. Kinman Takes Route No. 5—H. G. Barton, Route No. 7, January 2.

Changes in the rural mail delivery out of Maryville will be made January 2, according to appointments announced today to Postmaster James Todd by the postoffice department at Washington. Ercill C. Kinman of Elmo will become carrier on route No. 5, succeeding Herman G. Barton of this city, who will be transferred to route No. 7.

The vacancy was caused by the resignation last April of Roy Wray, carrier on route No. 7. Mail has been carried on that route since Wray's resignation by Alva Maul, sub-carrier.

GRAHAM SEES U. OF M. VIEWS.

Local Students Depict School Work at Skidmore Tomorrow Night.

Stereopticon slides depicting activities at the University of Missouri in Columbia will be shown at the Graham school house in connection with a Christmas entertainment this afternoon. They are being shown by the Nodaway county club of the university, which showed them here Tuesday night.

The views also will be shown at Skidmore tomorrow night.

BARNARD MAN DRIVES OX CART.

Mat Baker, 75, Uses Ancient Utility for Daily Use, Riding Astride Animal.

What is doubtless one of the most unique conveyances to be seen on the streets of this city is the old cart belonging to Mat Baker, who lives just east of Barnard. The lumbering, slow moving old vehicle is a favorite of Mr. Baker's and he often drives to town for a load of feed or coal, and frequently he will be seen astride the ox's back.

Although now past 75 years of age, Mr. Baker is quite active and does much work around his little farm.—Barnard Bulletin.

CATHOLICS HOLD SERVICES.

St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Churches Have Special Christmas Observance.

Christmas day will be observed at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Catholic churches tomorrow with a special service at each church in the morning.

At St. Patrick's Christmas high mass will be celebrated at 6 o'clock and at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and at both these services a special musical program will be given.

Christmas high mass will be celebrated at 6 and 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Mary's church with a special choir program.

URGE BANKERS TO AID FARMERS.

State Organization Asks Members to Help in Rural Community Work.

Aggressive work in every county to organize improvement associations for spreading the gospel of good roads, large crops, co-operation between farmers and business men, the betterment of rural home and school conditions, and the utilization of school houses as community centers for social and intellectual enjoyment, is urged by the Missouri Bankers association in a letter addressed to every Missouri banker by the agricultural and good roads committee of the association.

The plan proposed is to have representative business men and farmers co-operate with bankers in each county in creating a community organization committee, which will divide the county into units along lines of townships or school districts.

To Visit in Maryville.

Frank Neal of Kansas, Ill., will arrive in Maryville this evening to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. B. M. Chandler, and family.

Mrs. Alberta Smith of Lawrence, Kan., is in Maryville to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. R. Holt.

Empire Theatre

Desires to express thanks for your patronage the year just past, and takes this opportunity of wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Truly Happy New Year.

NOT COLDEST DAYS

OTHER DECEMBERS HAD COLDER TIMES, RECORDS SHOW.

MAKES AN IDEAL XMAS

Cold "Snap" Indicative of Yuletide Season—Seven of Last 20 Decembers Were Mild Ones.

The recent cold snap, in which time the mercury for four days "hand running" and one other day, went below zero, brings to the mind of J. R. Brink, official government weather observer for Maryville, some of the December cold spells of the last twenty years, or since he started the weather records. It shows that in the last two decades seven of the twenty Decembers were unusually mild, there being no time that the mercury went below zero.

Even last year, the coldest December day was on the 26th, or a year from this Saturday, when the government thermometer showed it to be zero. But that was only for a short while. Of course, in February this year the mercury fell into the lower depths of the thermometer, one time going to 11 below, and the day succeeding to 8 below zero. The warmest day last December was on the 3rd, when it was 58 degrees above zero.

The near zero weather this week, with the resultant ice and an 8-inch snowfall, makes it look well for the Yuletide season, and is indicative in every way of this happy time of the year to youngsters and adults alike.

Germs Dislike Cold.

Then, too, this style of weather, local physicians say, is in the main unusually healthy, and is causing the germs of disease to hibernate for the time being. It also is making good coasting, sleighing and skating, much to the joy of the youngsters and some well grown folk.

Observer Brink announces that since 1894, when he started the records, the warmest December day was in 1906, when the mercury climbed to 69 degrees above zero on the 13th, and but within a few hours had fallen to 35 degrees above zero.

The lowest maximum temperatures on a December day within the two decades was 2 above zero on the 27th, in 1894, and 1 above on December 31, 1911.

Some Weather Records.

The record, year by year, for December shows the coldest day to be as follows:

1894, 4 below; 1895, 1 above; 1896, 5 below; 1897, 9 below; 1898, 8 below; 1899, 3 below; 1900, 3 below; 1901, 13 below; 1902, 6 below; 1903, 8 below; 1904, 5 below; 1905, 2 above; 1906, 6 above; 1907, 8 above; 1908, 8 above; 1909, 11 below; 1910, 5 above; 1911, 6 below; 1912, 4 above; 1913, zero.

The present cold snap, day by day, with "below zero" temperature denoted by a dash, shows the following maximum and minimum temperatures:

	Max.	Min.
Monday, 14th	15	-10
Tuesday, 15th	16	-10
Wednesday, 16th	16	-10
Thursday, 17th	5	-3
Friday, 18th	28	3
Saturday, 19th	32	11
Sunday, 20th	25	8
Monday, 21st	18	-1
Tuesday, 27th	15	5
Wednesday, 23rd	27	7
Thursday, 24th	35	13

GETS PASTOR BY WANT AD.

Sheridan Christians Receive 44 Applications for Pastorate Through Papers.

Two small advertisements placed recently in two religious papers brought applications from forty-four ministers from all over the United States for the pastorate of the Christian church at Sheridan. So far the elders of the church have been undecided which to accept. They have been without a pastor for some time.

GRADE TEACHER RESIGNS.

Miss Nell Conrad of A6 Class Quits—Board Pays Teachers.

Miss Nell Conrad, teacher of the A6 class in the Washington school presented her resignation as teacher to the school board in its regular monthly session last night. It was accepted. No one has been selected to fill the vacancy, but there probably will be such action taken before the schools re-open next January.

Her reason for resigning, as given to the school board, was that she was intending to accompany her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Conrad, to the west, where they will spend the winter.

The usual monthly payment of the twenty-eight teachers of the city and the four janitors also was made last night. The teachers' salaries alone for a month amount to approximately $2,200.

Home from Omaha.

Mrs. Harold Van Steenbergh returned last night from a three weeks visit with relatives at Omaha, Neb.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

The office of The Democrat-Forum will be closed tomorrow (Christmas), and no paper will be issued. We hereby greet our patrons and wish them all a Merry Christmas.

HIGH SCHOOL OBSERVES XMAS.

Pupils Close for Holidays With Program of Music and Play.

An enjoyable Christmas program was given yesterday afternoon in the high school assembly hall. The afternoon periods were shortened and the program began about 2:45 o'clock with a song, "Silent Night," by an octet composed of the boys' and girls' quartets.

A short play taken from "The Birds' Christmas Carol" followed. One of the German class then gave a song, followed by two numbers by the two glee clubs combined.

CHURCH TO REPORT

HOLD ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY.

CONDITIONS ARE GOOD

Pastor, the Rev. R. L. Finch, Says Church is in Excellent Shape—Elect Officers.

The annual congregational meeting of the First Christian church will be held at the church Sunday morning, at which time reports of the various departments will be submitted, the official board of the church elected, and a basket dinner served at noon. The church conditions, according to the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Finch, are excellent. The reports are expected to show that the church and all auxiliaries are entirely out of debt and that most of them have a surplus.

In the election of officers Sunday morning there will be two elders and six deacons chosen, each to serve three years. This represents but one-third of the entire official board, that quota being chosen each year. There are expected to be some changes in this regard.

The program for the annual congregational meeting follows:

9:30 a. m.—Bible school as usual.

10:45 a. m.—Communion.

11:00 a. m.—Reports of various department heads, W. C. Frank, chairman, presiding. Bible school, by Secretary J. R. Brink; Christian Women's Board of Missions, Mrs. R. L. McDougal, president; Young Women's Mission Circle, Mrs. G. B. Roseberry, president; Junior Christian Endeavor society, Miss Laura Hawkins, adviser; Intermediate C. E., Miss Besse Porter, adviser; Senior C. E., John McDougal; Men's Brotherhood, F. L. Flynt; Ladies' Aid society, Mrs. J. B. Robinson; finances, A. L. Nash, financial secretary; summary of church work in general, the Rev. R. L. Finch, pastor.

11:30 a. m.—Election of officers in departments and in church.

12:30 a. m.—Basket dinner, furnished by women of church and served by men.

2:30 p. m.—Report of elections and fellowship hour.

3:30 p. m.—Musicale under direction of Dr. D. J. Thomas, musical director.

6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting as usual.

7:30 p. m.—Usual evening service.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS BEGIN.

Annual Rush for Yuletide Marriage Licenses, Drops Off This Year.

The usual rush each year, a few days before Christmas, of young folk to buy marriage licenses and listen to wedding bells along the Yuletide greetings of friends and relatives, is not what it has been other years, the business here indicates. Recorder of Deeds J. Arthur Wray will not open his office tomorrow to accommodate the desirers of the necessary marriage papers, so it behoves all to make their wishes known today.

These licenses were granted late yesterday afternoon and this morning:

Jesse F. Suttle, Burlington Jct. 23
Hazel E. McClelland, Burlington Jct. 22
Stanley Pence, Clearmont 21
Mary Ethel Ingram, Clearmont 20
Elmer W. Hilsenbeck, Maryville 23
Mabel L. Moore, Maryville 20

T. D. Jones, Road Booster, Dies.

T. D. Jones, 61 years old, known over the state as "Farmer Dick" Jones, president of the Missouri Better Roads Federation, was found dead at his home in Chillicothe yesterday. He was a pioneer good roads advocate and has been in Maryville and other parts of Nodaway county more than once on his better roads mission.

Mrs. S. J. Yeomans of Hopkins is expected to come to Maryville tomorrow morning to spend the holidays with her son, Fred J. Yeomans, and family.

"RAW" WIND APPEARS TODAY.

While Temperature Holds Up Well, "Nor-easter" Makes It Seem Colder

An extremely "raw" wind coming right out of the northeast this morning, after a day of comparative mild weather, considering the past few days, set folk to guessing and fretting about what the weather man would send them for Christmas. It does not look any too good, to say the least, the local prognosticators announce.

But, though the weather seemed much colder today than during the last two days, it really was just as warm, the thermometers showed. At 7 o'clock this morning, when Observer J. R. Brink cast his eye over the government tube it showed a minimum reading of 13 degrees above zero.

But this, from the government weather experts at Washington, does not sound so bad:

Snappy Christmas temperature and clear skies will prevail Christmas day throughout the United States, with the possible exception of the gulf states, according to indications displayed at the weather bureau.

The huge chart map in the forecast room showed fine weather everywhere except in the gulf states, which had been darkened to indicate approaching clouds. The forecasters said nothing extreme in temperatures was expected. The mercury might run a few degrees below the seasonal averages in some sections, they said, but nowhere was it likely to be unusually cold.

Everywhere north of the Ohio river line from the New England states to the Rocky mountains sufficient snow has already fallen to last over Christmas.

QUITMAN NEWS.

The program and supper at Centenary last week was well attended. Music was furnished by Miss Veronica O'Grady and Carl Tarpley. About $22 was cleared.

Iva Tarpley and Willie McDonald spent Friday visiting Grandma Tarpley.

A program and Christmas tree will be held at Centenary.

Mrs. James Stevenson has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Will Knepper spent Sunday with Mrs. James Stevenson.

Preaching services will be held at Centenary next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson are the parents of a son born last week.

Miss Bessie Cook of Maryville spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Aldine Tarpley.

Harold Heaton of Columbia is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Heaton.

Ray Tarpley spent Saturday with Howard Barker.

Mrs. Henry Porter spent the day Sunday visiting Mrs. John Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnston and Mr and Mrs. W. D. McDonald and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of C. W. Nichols and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Long and son of Iowa, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Yates.

Elmer Daise and Miss Frances Walton went to St. Joseph Saturday, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. William Horn.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Broyles.

Miss Ora Lee Hammond spent Sunday visiting Clarence Hammond and family.

Sam Pearson spent Sunday with William Arthur and family.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads

SUCCESS FOR RUSS

CLAIM GERMANS ARE BEATEN ALONG POLAND LINE.

CARDINAL URGES PEACE

Papal Secretary Says Pope Will Announce War Settlement Plan—"Would Lay Down Arms."

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—The Russian war office reports successes along the entire battle line of Poland.

London, Dec. 24.—The Chronicle's Rome correspondent sends an interview with Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, in which the cardinal urges all combatants to lay down their arms and settle the disputes according to the dictates of justice.

"This is what his holiness (the pope) will say publicly in the cathedral tomorrow," the cardinal is quoted as saying.

Hopkins Couple Would Wed.

A license to marry was granted today in the office of the recorder of deeds to Earl H. Morehouse, 22 years old, and Bertha M. Coleman, 18 years old, of Hopkins.

Spend Xmas at Tarkio.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rathbun and little daughter, Katherine, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Rathbun's relatives at Tarkio.

Here from St. Joseph.

Edward Condon of St. Joseph will come to Maryville tonight to visit until Monday with his mother, Mrs. B. E. Condon, and family of West First street.

Home for Holidays.

Miss Lula Todd, who is teaching in the city schools of Hammond, Ind., will arrive in Maryville tonight to spend the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. Anna Todd, and family. Miss Helen Todd, who has been acting as substitute teacher in the Trenton schools for the past month, will also return home this evening.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled with snow tonight or Friday; colder.

Auction Sale

DAILY

2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

R. P. HOSMER
AUCTIONEER

Raines Brothers

JEWELERS & OPTICIANS
109 WEST THIRD STREET

That You and Yours may have a Merry Christmas and a Year full of Peace, Happiness and Prosperity is the wish of

GEO. B. BAKER
ED. WILLIAMS
BURT ROWLEY
GEO. S. BAKER

with the

Real Estate Bank
Maryville, Mo.

The Fern Theatre, Tonight

The Big Doll Will be given away tonight at the Fern.

Matinee tomorrow at three p.m. Shakespeare's Winter's Tale, 3 acts; coming Lena River, five acts.

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GAYNOR.

The bazaar and oyster supper at the Christian church last Friday evening was well attended.

Mrs. S. Ball and daughter visited with Mrs. George Negus Tuesday.

Sherm Munn is building a new barn.

The C. H. Lewis sale was largely attended Tuesday and everything sold well. The Ladies' Aid served lunch, taking in about $21.

The young people serenaded Earl Taylor and bride Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hart entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewis and son at dinner Sunday.

The contest which has been carried on at the M. E. church for the past three months closed Sunday, the two-flag side winning by a majority of 19. The losing side will give the winning side a social New Year's evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White visited at Siam last week.

Missouri Has More Prisoners.

There are more convicts contained in the Missouri state penitentiary at Jefferson City at present than in any other penal institution of the United States, according to an official announcement. There now are 2,571 persons in the prison, and it is believed the number will be swelled to fully 2,700 before the winter closes. So crowded have conditions there become that it has been found necessary to lodge the inmates in halls and hospital wards.

Editor Takes Long Rest.

Not content with merely having Christmas day "off," O. A. Haselwood, editor and publisher of the Barnard Bulletin announces to his patrons that he will not publish a paper next week on account of the holidays. So Editor Haselwood will rest until next year.

Guests of the Aleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Clun Aley of North Fillmore street will entertain at a dinner tomorrow noon, at which their guests will be Mrs. H. McKee of Monmouth, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer, living east of Maryville.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ARCTIC

A good many years ago the missionaries in Labrador began to make use of white turnips at Christmas time. Maybe our brethren in their first attempts to grow something on this bleak coast were gladly surprised at the heartiness and the returns this vegetable yielded, and in order to make the most of it and with an eye to benefiting the Eskimos they reserved a quantity of these nice large turnips for Christmas. Then on Christmas eve, during one of the most impressive services of the year, these same turnips were served with a small lighted candle stuck in the middle, and each child in the community, from the infant in arms to the boy or girl of fourteen, received one of them as a Christmas gift. White turnips are classed at home among the inferior or common fruits of the field, but this is by no means the case in Labrador. Most of these people of the far north have never seen an apple or an orange or a plum, and as they cannot think of these fruits by comparison the turnip occupies the highest rung of the ladder in their estimation. You ought to see one of these Eskimo boys or girls bite into a turnip, writes Christian Schmitt in the Christian Herald. It is enough to make one's mouth water. At Christmas I have seen more than once not only the turnip disappear, but the candle also.

With full appreciation of the many courtesies shown, we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

RAINES BROTHERS
JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS

Merry Christmas

To all our patrons and patrons-to-be in all the happy households in Maryville from the

New York Candy Kitchen

INCLUDE OUR CANDIES IN YOUR GOOD RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Strict neutrality does not prevent our expressing sincere appreciation for the generous patronage of our customers while the passing war clouds of Europe threw a shadow over business conditions here. Better times are coming, but we do not want the year to pass withou again saying

THANK YOU!

Orear-Henry Drug Company
The REXALL Store

LET THIS BE YOUR CHRISTMAS.

A day off, a few remembrances from relatives and friends and a good dinner—is that all that Christmas means to you? Surely you are going to make it an occasion for more than usual rejoicing this year, a real old fashioned Christmas. Surely you are going to be more liberal in spirit than ever before and scatter merriment on all sides. Have you been a little selfish, have you devoted so much time to enjoying yourself that you have forgotten other folks?

Those you have forgotten are good folks, aren't they, the best folks in the world? And you are just going to show them how appreciative you are. You don't like this way of turning dear old Christmas into an occasion for trading and exchanging gifts.

You are going to see all the friends you can on that day and shake hands with as many; pat them on the back and tell them how glad you are to be with them. And to those you cannot see you are going to write cheery, warm hearted letters and tell them you want to hear from them oftener. Isn't that how you feel about the greatest of all birthdays?

FAMOUS TREE THAT BLOOMS ON CHRISTMAS.

A very interesting group of Christmas superstitions clusters about plant and animal life. Tradition tells us that after Joseph of Arimathea had begged the body of our crucified Saviour and had laid it in his own newly hewn tomb he left Palestine forever. Staff in hand, he traveled many weary months and finally reached Glastonbury, in England. Here he planted his staff, and in the course of time it sent out leaves and buds. On the glad Christmas morning the buds burst into a mass of exquisite bloom. Since that day of long ago the Glastonbury thorn never fails to be covered with delicate white flowers on Christmas morning. By the following day they have all disappeared.

A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was taken to Buckinghamshire, where it became as famous as the parent plant itself. Thousands of people from near and far were wont to go to see the blossoming of the thorn on Christmas morning. When about the middle of the eighteenth century England adopted the Gregorian calendar, which brought Christmas eleven days earlier than under the older style of reckoning time, the common people were greatly dissatisfied. To their simple minds they had actually been deprived of eleven days of their mortal life, and mobs marched through the streets carrying placards bearing the inscription, "Give Us Back Our Eleven Days!" That they had been wronged became a conviction when the Buckinghamshire thorn failed to blossom on the new date, and when the people actually refused to attend church on the 25th of December the clergy in that part of England were forced to celebrate divine worship on both the old and the new dates.

In pagan times special deities were supposed to preside over the harvests, and the people sought in every possible manner to propitiate these powerful gods. In out of the way parts of Europe the trees are still formally invited to the Christmas feast. Taking acceptance for granted, the remains of the Christmas dinner are spread about the roots of the fruit trees. This ceremony is supposed to insure plentiful harvests the following autumn. In other places the trees were in olden times beaten with clubs to make them more productive.

TWO CHRISTMAS COOKIES

In all good, old fashioned German households the hausfrau is very busy for days baking her Christmas cakes. Does it seem to you rather early? No, indeed. It is high time that the Yuletide goodies were being packed in the huge earthenware crocks to stand in the cool storeroom to "mellow." They improve with age, just like fruit cake. Here are a few delicious cookies that are served at festive coffees during the holiday season:

CHOCOLATE KISSES.

One pound ground almonds, one pound pulverized sugar, one-half pound sweet chocolate (ground), stiffly beaten whites of eight eggs, juice of one-half lemon.

Stir the sugar into the beaten whites for ten minutes. Add the lemon juice, chocolate and almonds. Drop with a spoon on buttered tins and bake in a very cool oven until crisp to the touch.

HAZELNUT COOKIES.

One-half pound ground hazelnuts, one-half pound ground almonds, one pound pulverized sugar, whites of five eggs.

Beat the whites stiff. Add sugar and stir ten minutes. Take out one-half cupful of the mixture to be spread on the top of the cookies just before baking. Roll out the mixture one-quarter inch thick, cut into pretty shapes and bake in a cool oven until the pale fawn color appears.

Miss Catherine Thomas returned yesterday to her home in Conception Junction to spend the holiday vacation. She is a student of the Maryville Business college.

Returns from Oklahoma.

Mrs. T. C. Cooper, who lives southwest of Maryville, returned home yesterday from Pawnee, Okla., where she has been visiting her brother-in-law, J. W. Cooper, and family for the last month.

Enjoy Christmas Many Times Before It Really Arrives

CHRISTMAS is lived a thousand times before it comes. The Christmas sweets are tasted before they are taken from the tree. The Christmas presents are reveled in before Santa Claus puts them on his sled. The human spirit, impatient under the restraints of the clock, breaks away and lives Christmas before the prosaic almanac grants permission. How poor the world would be if deprived of the pleasure of expectation! Good things would lose half their virtue if we could not enjoy them before we get them into our hands. Looking forward is one of the fountains at which we drink life and vigor. Imagine, if you can, dropping into Christmas in the twinkling of an eye, without the privilege of tasting it in advance! Christmas becomes the great day of the year, because it is preceded by such elaborate and long drawn and loving preparation. To cut off all that preceded Christmas would be like shearing the sun of its beams. The whole year becomes brighter to everybody who has Christmas to look forward to.

It is part of the mission of the Christian religion to foster and develop the spirit of anticipation. Hope, says Ruskin, is the distinguishing characteristic of the Christian faith. Christianity keeps us on the tiptoe of expectancy. It entices us to look ahead. It will not permit us to consider present situations final. No matter how high we climb we are directed to a still loftier height. However great our joy, there is still sweeter blessedness ahead of us. Satisfaction with present attainments is forbidden because of the mightier achievements within the compass of our developing powers. It was the habit of Jesus to keep his disciples' eyes on the future. When they were amazed by what they saw he thrilled them by saying, "Ye shall see greater things than these." When they were astounded by his miracles he assured them, "Greater things than these shall ye do." When they exulted in their successes he reminded them of their relationship to a world whose glories man cannot now conceive. He himself had the heart of a child. He was always looking ahead. When he saw dark things immediately in front of him he looked farther. He always looked through the darkness into light. He never spoke of his death without referring to what would happen on the third day. For the joy that was set before him he endured the agony of the cross.—"The Joy of Looking Ahead," by Charles E. Jefferson, D. D., Broadway Tabernacle, New York, in Woman's Home Companion.

PICTURES AS GIFTS.

A picture need not be expensive to be beautiful. The stores are selling copies of the best pictures by great artists and copies of pictures valuable for their tender, noble sentiments or for pleasing colors. The frames are made of odds and ends of stained or polished moulding and are in good taste.

If you took some interesting snapshots last summer of your holiday trips or of your home, which you would like to send to relatives at a distance, mount them on the regular photograph cardboard, which may be bought for 8 cents a dozen up. Fasten them together in a long strip by running a narrow ribbon through holes made in the lower corners of the mounts. When hung in a long strip on the wall the pictures add beauty to that particular corner of the room and give pleasure to the beholder.

To mount a water color picture on thin cardboard for framing cut the mat the desired size, place the picture back of it and use a number of strips of paper to join the corners to the thin cardboard. Passe partout is excellent for the purpose, or the mat material may be used. It will not wrinkle the cardboard, and pictures so arranged may be carefully rolled, placed in a tube and sent by mail.

When making picture mats, calendars, booklets and other articles of soft cardboard a blemish will sometimes occur which is difficult to remove. By rubbing the spot with bread it will disappear. The bread should be fresh and not dry. A putty made with flour and ammonia is often used for cleaning white mats.

Five Million Dolls From One Town.

About 5,000,000 dolls are turned out in one year at Vincennes, France. The dolls are not dressed there, but are sent to Paris, where several hundred girls, some of whom are fashion experts, clothe them in the latest styles. Each year prizes are offered for the best design of a doll and for improvements in the art of manufacturing them. This is one of the reasons why the French doll has reached such a high degree of finish. Scores of women in all parts of the world make their living by dressing dolls and many by designing the clothes for the novelties demanded every year.

Christmas Trees.

Within us auto speeding
The old year goes so fast
That any one may notice
The trees are whizzing past.
—New York Sun.

School Gives Entertainment.

The pupils of the Glendale school gave a box supper and entertainment last night at the school house which was well attended. The program was directed by the teacher, W. H. Burr.

To Visit at Des Moines.

Miss Lizzie Diss will leave today for Des Moines, Ia., where she will spend a week the guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Diss.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

GERMANY'S HERO.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg Commanding Poland Invaders Wins Biggest Victory of War.

Photo by American Press Association.

FIGHT OF BELGIANS IS TOLD BY KING

Monarch Without a Realm Describes Stand of Soldiers.

West Flanders, Belgium, Dec. 24.—In the council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-worn little army, blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians told of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders. The king's headquarters is located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgium left under his rule.

King Albert also requested the correspondent to convey to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule.

Modestly he praised the courage of his soldiers, speaking of them with as great a kindliness as though he were talking about his own children.

"I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have the chance to witness the peasants working their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the losses of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."

When Edgar Sengeer, Belgian attache to the American commission for the relief of Belgians, entered and presented King Albert with a report from the commission showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until Feb. 12, the king turned quickly to the correspondent, saying:

"Will you be kind enough to convey to the American people my deep gratitude."

Gutierrez Quits Capital.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—That Provisional President Eulalio Gutierrez had quit Mexico City, due to differences between him and Felippe Angeles and followers of Zapata, was reported to T. R. Beltran, local Constitutional consul. The message said the capital was governed by a committee composed equally of Villa and Zapata adherents, and that another provisional president would be selected Jan. 10.

Palace of Deified Lama Is Burned.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch received here from Urga, Mongolia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Kutuktu, or the deified lama, of the Mongols, with all its priceless treasures, has been entirely destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

ALLIES MAKING SLIGHT PROGRESS

Paris, Dec. 24.—The announcement given out by the French war office reports slight progress on the northern end of the allied line in France and Belgium. Fog caused a slackening of the fighting near Arras. Advances are claimed near Perthes Les Hurlus, where German machine guns were captured and where progress or the driving back of counter attacks is reported near Beaujor, and in the forest of Laprife. Near Bourmilles, however, the French apparently lost to the Germans.

To Visit Wife's Folks.

George Pat Wright and family will go to Graham tonight or tomorrow morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

High grade Illinois Lump, Egg or Nut Coal, well forked. $4.75 to $5 per ton. Burlington track or delivered. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart. tf

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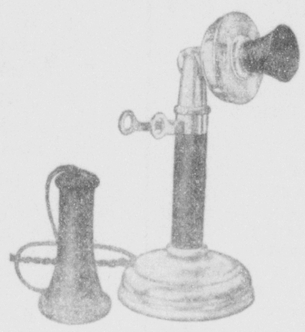

WE thank our customers for their patronage during the past year. Our efforts have been appreciated, which has been shown by the liberal patronage of our store this season, and we will work just as hard to please you during the coming year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Graham-Latimer Co.
D. E. Hotchkin, Mgr.

EFFORTS

A Merry Christmas To You

We say it with all heartiness. During the year just closed this store has finished its first complete year in Maryville and has won many new friends and customers, for which we are very grateful.

We have tried hard to conduct a legitimate jewelry store—one price—plain price—consistent price—and to show the people of Maryville and vicinity—something new in our line—and—judging from the crowds that daily filled our store—these facts were realized.

If for any reason anyone was slighted or neglected in their shopping at our store, we assure you it was not intentional. We wish to thank our old and new friends very heartily for their patronage, and promise them that in the coming year we shall strive to merit a continuation of that patronage.

Wishing you one and all a very hearty and Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and Happy New Year, we are,

VERY SINCERELY

DeHart and Holmes
Maryville's Live Jewelers
LEWIS DEHART LIEBER HOLMES

WITHOUT reference to business, but merely as an expression of good will, we wish you to accept our season's greetings; we desire to express our hope for your health, and prosperity, and happiness, in the year that lies before us. For our own success we are grateful to the people of this community.

Montgomery-Lyle Clothing Company

Berney Harris

Thanking his customers for their liberal patronage again

WISHES ALL THAT

"May your fondest dreams Come true the coming year."

Recollecting:

At Christmas play and make good cheer for Christmas comes but once a year.

Mrs. J. H. Turner and sons of Red Oak, Ia., will arrive in Maryville Saturday morning to visit Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Katherine Woods, and family.

Graham Confectioner Bankrupt.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the federal court at St. Joseph yesterday by George H. Curnutt, a confectioner at Graham. He gave his liabilities as amounting to $4,800. Curnutt recently had an auction of the confectionery stock and equipment.

Mrs. C. E. Beveh and son of Elmo came to Maryville today to spend the holidays with Mrs. N. F. Hopper of West Second street.

We wish our patrons and customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

L. S. Byers
GROCER

We will be closed all day Christmas, Friday

We hope this is a glad Christmas for you. May this December 25 be numbered among your memories as the Happiest of them all. This is the wish of

Corwin-Murrin
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We Wish all Our Friends and Customers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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A Merry Christmas.

The gladdest, happiest, merriest Christmas ever. A Christmas day whose merriment will fill every moment and keep step with the loving remembrance in each heart for the other loved ones.

A Christmas whose joy will emphasize its charity.

A merry Christmas to you who have learned that the most precious gift costs the least money. That the written message of remembrance betokens a loving thought and a gift from the heart's storehouse that no wealth could pay for.

So I wish you again a merry Christmas, and with it the bestowal of something deemed most precious by the wise men who journeyed across desert sands to kneel in obligation before the transcendent being who brought to us peace and good will on earth.

Newly Weds at Home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forrest Phares have returned from their honeymoon trip, which was spent in the south, and will be at home to their friends at the Phares home, 319 West Third street.

Elks Christmas Dance.

The Elks will give a Christmas ball at the club tomorrow night. All Elks and their families are invited and plans have been made for a pleasant affair.

Guest of the Franks.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Frank will entertain as all-day guests Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Neely of Coin, Ia.

Rittenours to Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rittenour will entertain Mr. and Mrs. William Burris and family and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Compton at a Christmas dinner tomorrow noon at their home, on Lawn avenue.

Dinner at Lannings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lanning, living near Pickering, will entertain at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Conley, living east of Maryville, Miss Myrtle Lanning and Misses Bessie and Opal Knox of this city.

Dining at Kurtz Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz gave a dinner yesterday noon at which plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrin of San Francisco, Cal.; Dr. and Mrs. D. R. MacLeod and children of Hutchinson, Kan.; Mrs. Alice Perrin, Mrs. Gay Leeper, Miss May Growney and the Kurtz family.

Party at Clarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins will give a Christmas party this evening at their apartments, on South Main street in honor of their young son, Thomas Ray. The guests will include Mrs. Harry Amos Reed of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Orliff Clark of Clarinda, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Clark and Miss Amy Clark.

Moore-Hilsabeck.

Miss Mabel L. Moore and Elmer M. Hilsabeck were married at noon today at the home of the bride's parents, seven miles south of the city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert L. Finch, pastor of the First Christian church.

Dinner at Cherrycroft.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Montgomery will be the hosts of a Christmas dinner party given tomorrow noon at their home, Cherrycroft, when their guests will be Mr and Mrs. G. B. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Toel, Miss Brownie Toel, Miss Lucile Holmes, Court Toel of Little Rock, Ark., and G. B. Holmes, Jr.

Guests at the Finch Home.

E. E. Thomas of Des Moines Ia., arrived in Maryville this morning to meet Mrs. Thomas and son, Harold, and all will be guests during the holidays of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lyle Finch. Mrs. Finch is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

Christmas Tree Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Bellows will entertain the Bellows families at their home this evening at a Christmas tree party, with a special merry-making for the little folks. The company will include Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bellows and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bellows and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bellows and the hosts and family. Tomorrow noon the entire party will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bellows.

Family Gathering at Rock Port.

Misses Mabel, Evelyn and Laura Margaret Raines left this morning for Rock Port, where they will be the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raines. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Raines will leave Saturday afternoon for Rock Port, where they will join the other members of the family in a reunion at the parental home which has been arranged in honor of Miss Theodosia Raines of Denver, Col.

Guests at Sanders Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Sanders will give a dinner party tomorrow noon at which their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ardery and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sanders of St. Joseph, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Ryan and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Costello and family and Mrs. Mary Costello of this city. The St. Joseph guests will remain until Sunday.

Carpenter Dinner Party.

A reunion of the Carpenter family will be held tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Jeanette Carpenter of Clearmont when the son and daughters will gather for a Christmas dinner. The company will include Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nicholas of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Newlon and family of Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Carpenter and family of Burlington Junction, Misses Addie and Ollie Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter of Clearmont.

Celebrates Birthday.

A crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at the country home of Sam Miller Saturday evening to celebrate with him his fiftieth birthday anniversary. Mr. Miller was presented a handsome Morris chair, a gift from the guests. About fifty attended and each brought a basket filled with dainties, and at noon a fine dinner was served. The day was pleasantly spent in an informal way. Musical numbers were given by Miss Mabel Dysart and Mrs. Perry Miller, piano; L. W. Miller and Lewis Martin, violins, and Perry Miller, harp. Those present beside the Miller family were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Messick and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Thrasher and sons, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Dysart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lankford, Mr. and Mrs. Clark McMurray, Mrs. R. L. Houghtaling and sons, Lewis Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ruddell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Miller and sons, Misses Cleo May, Mabel Dysart, Gertrude McMurray, Ruth Young and Nettie Miller, Raymond Dysart, Howard Dysart, James Davis, Wade and Luther Strickler.

Price Family Reunion.

The Price families will be entertained with a Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, 222 West Sixth street, Friday. The party will include Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Price and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Braniger and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Price and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Price and family, and the hosts.

M. I. Circle Observes Christmas.

The Christmas spirit prevailed yesterday afternoon at the annual holiday party of the Mutual Improvement Circle held at the beautiful new home of Mrs. A. W. Hawkins. The occasion was a happy one for all the members and guests, and when they had assembled in the living room the program was opened by devotions led by Mrs. John Lorance. Roll call was answered by Christmas thoughts and quotations. Papers on similar subjects were read by Mrs. Walter Mutz and Mrs. Omer Catterson. A charming solo, "The Song of the Angels," Dressler, was given by Mrs. J. M. Donahoe of Superior, Wis., who is in Maryville visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Catterson. Then followed a hunt for the Christmas gift for each which had been hidden in various places upstairs and down. The guests were directed by means of numbered and printed slips of paper which added to the merriment. A luncheon was served, carried out in the Christmas colors. Among the visiting guests present were Mrs. J. M. Donahoe and Mrs. Alberta Smith of Lawrence, Kan., who is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lou R. Holt.

Mrs. Rozelle Hostess.

Mrs. G. E. Rozelle will give a Christmas dinner tomorrow noon, at which her guests will be her son, Thaves Rozelle, of Lincoln, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Moyer and daughter of this city.

Reception for Newly Weds.

William F. Phares, the newest benedict among the Elks, and Mrs. Phares were given a reception and dinner last night at the Elks club by a number of Elks and their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Phares returned yesterday morning from their honeymoon trip, and immediately the newly married man was taken to a specially provided sanctum, where the doors were kept locked all day, only on the occasions when his friends were admitted. The entire affair of the evening was arranged as a surprise, and at 8:30 Mr. Phares was taken to the club, which was in festive appearance for the reception of the newly weds, and about a hundred friends were assembled to greet him. In the receiving line beside the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bainum, Mrs. Mary A. Phares and Miss Anna Bainum. After congratulations dinner was served. Music was furnished during the evening and for the dance following by Maulding's orchestra. Augustus Romasser acted as toastmaster, and some clever toasts, with good natured raillery at the expense of the newly weds were given. W. A. Blagg and T. A. Cummins made witty speeches for the prosecution and defense of Mr. Phares, who was the "prisoner at the bar" in a recent mock trial at the Elks club, when he was paroled on condition that he become a married man by January 1. At the close of the evening's fun, Mr. Phares was blindfolded and taken in an auto by a circuitous route to his home, where Maulding's orchestra, playing "Home, Sweet Home," gave him a welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Phares will be at home after January 1 at their home, 319 West Third street.

Dinner at Harbison's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harbison will entertain guests at Christmas dinner tomorrow noon, who will be Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Falls of St. Joseph and Mrs. Harbison's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vanhorn of St. Joseph.

NOTICE

To Property Owners

Now is the time to have your curb boxes to water connections cleaned out, and covers put on in case of a sudden burst of pipes before the ground is frozen and save added unnecessary expense and trouble. We do such work.

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We've got suggestions that will mean happiness to those who receive your presents — and that is what prompts Christmas giving. Indeed, when you give Comfy slippers, party slippers, or anything else in our store of good footwear, you give appropriate and useful presents.

Finally, may we wish you and yours the best of the good things that come at Christmas time. And we hope that our fair dealing and quality giving will win your trade for 1915.

Montgomery Shoe Co.

WE APPRECIATE

The Liberal Patronage the Public has given us the past year and wish each and everyone

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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A Merry Christmas
To our patrons and all the citizens of Maryville
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All up-to-date goods of latest designs, lower prices than can possibly be obtained at any other place.

MerrieChristmas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the Day bring forth its share of Good Things of Life and Happiness and real Content. Above all, may it be a day spent among those you Love the Best and who Love you. May that which was unprofitable and unpleasant during the Nineteen Hundred Fourteen disappear with the old year, and may Good Health, Good Fortune and Happiness be your companions for 1915.

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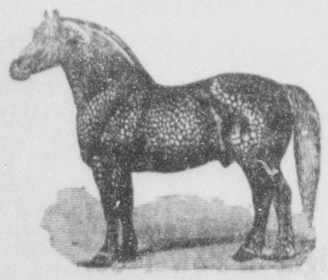
100 Horses and Mares



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Weighing from 1,200 to 1,800, from 4 to 20 years old. I will buy them from a good, fat, sound plug to as good as grow. Want some extra big good pairs and some big fat plugs. Bring them n. I will be in

Maryville, Saturday, December 26.
Maitland, Monday Forenoon, December 28.
Graham, Monday Afternoon, December 28.
Guilford, Tuesday Forenoon, December 29.
Barnard, Tuesday Afternoon, December 29.
Hopkins, Wednesday Afternoon, December 30.
Ravenwood, Thursday Afternoon, December 31.

Jim Andy Ford

LULL IN BATTLE CHRISTMAS DAY

Informal Snspension of Hostilities by All Armies Expected.

GRAND DUKE HAS TO MOVE.

Nicholas Obliged to Withdraw His Men From Before Cracow—Allies Meet With Dogged Resistance by German Lines on Western Front.

WAR BULLETINS

There will be an informal suspension of hostilies throughout the war zone on Christmast day.

Heavy fighting is again in progress early everywhere along the entrenched line in Belgium and France and in the eastern zone virtually from the Baltic sea to the southern side of the Carpathian mountains. The news that has been permitted to filter through official channels to the outside world is not sufficient, however, to show clearly what any of the contenders has gained or lost.

The French, the Germans, the Russians and the Austrians all claim progress for their armies at various points, but admit they have not gained a decisive advantage over their antagonist. From all sides however, the official reports continue to show heavy casualties resulting from the fighting and that large captures of prisoners and of munitions of war are taking place.

France, through its parliament, apparently has given evidence of its determination to prosecute the war to the end. Both branches of parliament have passed unanimously the government's bill appropriating the sum of $1,700,000,000 to meet the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of the war.

A newspaper dispatch from Athens asserts that Austria has twice attempted to make peace with Servia, but that each time Servia declined the proposal.

London, Dec. 24.—Informal suspension of hostilities by all the armies on all the battle fronts in eastern and western Europe is expected on Christmas day. Though the pope's efforts to secure a truce through the holidays have failed, there will be a general lull in the zones of war activity tomorrow.

The allies in the west, the Germans in Poland and the Russians in East Prussia and Galicia continue their offensive operations, but the advances have been so slight as to be almost imperceptible. In the long run, however, the ground which is being taken may prove vital and the various armies are fighting with an intensity which has not been exceeded since the war began.

Reach Skiernlewice.

In Poland the center of interest has shifted slightly to the south. Finding the direct road to Warsaw blocked by Russian reinforcements, the Germans made an attack from the southwest and have reached Skiernlewice, which is forty miles from the Polish capital.

They have thus far failed to pierce the Russian lines, but have forced Grand Duke Nicholas to withdraw his forces from Cracow. In this, one of the chief aims of their offensive against Russia, the Germans have been successful.

In Galicia, Russia has resumed the offensive against the Austro-German forces, which have poured in from the west and across the Carpathians. According to the latest Petrograd report the Russians have inflicted heavy losses on these forces, while in the north they have pursued into the interior of East Prussia a small German army which made a feint at Warsaw from the northwest.

Meet Fierce Resistance.

Although the allies have scored some successes in the battles in the west, they are meeting with very stubborn resistance and military men warn the public that very heavy casualty lists must be expected before any serious impression can be made on the German entrenchments.

Activity seems to have been resumed along the Belgian coast, for it is announced that slight progress has been made by the allies between the sea and the road from Nieuport to Westende. At other points similar fighting is proceeding with here success and there reverse or failure of attack.

The airmen on both sides have been extremely busy and aeroplanes have been swarming over Belgium, the aviators reconnoitering movements of the opposing troops and occasionally dropping bombs.

Bruges and Brussels have been visited by aviators from the ranks of the allies, while Bethune and other towns in northern France have received attention from the Germans.

Posse Seeks Murderer.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Posses of citizens and deputy sheriffs searching with police dogs during the night the fields and woods of East Chester for the murderer, Charles Secord, had uncovered no trail of the criminal.

Francis Joseph Reported Dying.

Rome, Dec. 24.—A rumor is in circulation here that Emperior Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary is dying. The report has it that the emperor king has received the last sacraments.

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ARIZONA DESERTS TURNED INTO A SEA

Floods Drive People of Tucson to the Roofs.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Torrents of rain falling almost continuously all week have flooded vast areas in this section of Arizona. The Santa Cruz river, ordinarily a dry bed, was a roaring water course, a mile and a half wide. Many houses and stores along its banks were wrecked or washed away, although no lives were reported lost. The desert country between this city and Phoenix is a veritable sea.

The Santa Cruz river skirts this city and the swollen stream, invading buildings of all descriptions, drove many persons to the roofs. Two Mexicans were reported drowned.

A tract of 30,000 acres, developed by a farm syndicate of Chicago, which invested $2,000,000, was inundated. Railroad men rescued five persons in this section who had climbed a windmill tower to escape the waters.

The United States army forces at Naco suffered considerably. A cavalry trooper was reported drowned.

WESTERN STATES FAVORED

General Education Board More Liberal to Them In Donations.

New York, Dec. 24.—Western states have been favored slightly above eastern and middle Atlantic states in the general education board's donations of $10,582,591 to the cause of education, according to a fourth installment of the board's report. Southern states rank third, although all three groups are close.

To western states, the report set forth, there has been given outright $3,967,781, and partial contributions exact amount of which is not stated, have been made to a supplemental sum of $15,406,741. To eastern and middle Atlantic states the sum given outright was $3,562,185; the supplemental sum to which the board subscribed an amount not designated was $15,247,939; southern states received outright $3,072,625; the supplemental sum to which the board contributed in this case was $9,147,152.

PEACE IN SIGHT ON BORDER

General Scott Has Satisfactory Meet With General Hill.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, successfully completed the first step in his effort for peace on the Mexican border. He conferred with General Benjamin Hill, the Carranza defender of Naco, Sonora, and said that "it was a very satisfactory interview."

A conference with Maytorena is now being arranged by General Scott.

Prior to the conference General Hill reported that 126 of Maytorena's Yaqui Indians threw down their arms and crossed to the American side.

Mexican Is Hanged by Texans.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—A Mexican, said to have been the slayer of Harry Hinton, jailor at Oakville, Tex., was lynched near that town, according to a message received here. It was said that many shots were fired into his body as it hung suspended from a tree. Three members of his family were given until nightfall to get out of the country.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Closing Quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Closing prices: Wheat—Dec., $1.25⅝; May, $1.28¾.
Corn—Dec., 65¾-⅞c; May, 71¾-¾c.
Oats—Dec., 48⅞c; May, 53⅛c.
Pork—Jan., $18.35; May, $18.85.
Lard—Jan., $10.30; May, $10.47½.
Ribs—Jan., $10.10; May, $10.45.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, $1.25⅝@1.27¼; No. 2 yellow corn, 66¼@66½c; No. 3 white oats 48½@49c; standard, 49½@49¾c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; strong; native steers, $5.40@10; westerns, $5.10@8; cows and heifers, $3.10@8.25; calves, $6.50@9.50. Hogs—Receipts, 50,000; weak; bulk $7.05@7.20; heavy, $6.85@7.25; light $6.80@7.20; rough, $6.85@7; pigs, $5.50@7.10. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; strong; sheep, $5.50@6.35; yearlings $6.60@7.45; lambs, $6.25@8.60.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,200; steady to strong; beef steers, $6.60@9.75; cows and heifers, $4.25@7.50; stockers and feeders, $5.50@7.75; bulls, $5.10@6.75; calves, $7@9. Hogs—Receipts, 11,800; steady to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $6.95@7.05; top, $7.15. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; 15@25c higher; lambs, $7.50@8.45; wethers, $4.40@6.35; ewes, $4.25@5.60; yearlings, $5.75@7.35.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

KAISER UPSETS PEACE JUBILEE

Celebration In Ghent Off Because Germans Hold City.

EVENT OTHERWISE OBSERVED.

Committees of Two English-Speaking Nations Issue Communications Dwelling on Century of Peace Between United States and Great Britain.

New York, Dec. 24.—The people of the United States and Great Britain are observing the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent, by reminding themselves that today marks a century of peace among English-speaking nations.

The original plans called for a series of celebrations in this country and across the water. It was to have begun in Ghent on Christmas eve with a banquet tendered by the burgomaster to fifty representatives of the United States, fifty Englishmen and fifty Canadians in the hall where the treaty was signed, but this was upset by the fact that the ancient Belgian city is now occupied by the Germans, with whom England is at war.

To mark the day, the American committee and the British committee, which have been arranging for the peace centenary, issued communications for simultaneous publication this morning in the newspapers in England and the United States.

The British statement expresses the hope that "the disarmed frontier between the United States and Canada may long continue as an example to the world of the safe defense of mutual respect and trust in the affairs of nations" and prays that the "peace between the British and American democracies, which has so long endured, may never be broken."

Center of Conflict.

The American statement follows:

"One hundred years ago today there was signed at Ghent, in Flanders, the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, which marked the close of what happily proved to be the last war between English-speaking peoples of the earth. Today the city of Ghent is at the very center of the terrible conflict that rages in Europe.

"The American peace centenary committee cannot permit this anniversary to pass without inviting the thoughtful attention of their fellow citizens to the contrast presented by the century-long period of peace which English-speaking people have enjoyed among themselves on the one hand, and the appalling destruction of life, property and great monuments of civilization which the European war involves on the other. It had been our confident hope that the example which the English-speaking peoples have set in their relations with each other would be followed by the other great nations of the earth in their several international relations. It had been our earnest desire that the spirit of peaceful and friendly co-operation which each of these peoples manifests toward the people of the United States would also mark their dealings with another. Unfortunately, this was not to be, and we are sorrowfully called upon to mark our centenary celebration in the midst of the most terrible and destructive war that history records.

Must Avow Faith.

"Even at such a time, we must avow once more our emphatic faith in the supremacy of justice over force of law over might. We rejoice in the peaceful relations of 100 years among all English-speaking peoples, and particularly in the undefended and unfortified line, nearly 4,000 miles in length, which divides the territory of the United States from that of the Dominion of Canada. The mutual trust forbearance and helpfulness which make that undefended boundary a link and not a barrier between two peoples we offer as an example to our warring brothers across the sea.

"It had been our purpose, when our committee was organized in 1910, to plan for a great celebration of the centenary anniversary by various methods which have now, because of the terrible war which is still convulsing Europe and disturbing the whole world, become impracticable until the close of the conflict.

"But we appeal to the people in all the states and to all civic bodies to mark this notable anniversary by suitable exercises in churches of all denominations on the 14th of February, the date agreed upon for that purpose with our associate, the Canadian committee; by formal addresses at the capitals of the respective states on the 17th and 18th of February, the dates of the ratification and proclamation of the treaty; and also by appropriate exercises in all the schools on the 22d day of February, or on such later date or dates in the spring of 1915 as may be locally deemed preferable, by which all the children of America should be instructed on the significance of this great event, and of the happy prospect which is assured to us, in spite of this horrible war, of another century of continued peace between all the English-speaking peoples of the world."

Hall For Commerce Commission.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson renominated Henry Clay Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo., to be interstate commerce commissioner.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

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A BIT OF ADVICE.

First, Don't Delay—Second, Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache; headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble. They are recommended by thousands. Can Maryville residents desire more convincing proof of their effectiveness than the statement of a Maryville citizen who has used them and willingly testifies to their worth.

Mrs. James Fisher, 804 East Fifth street, Maryville, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Love & Gaugh's drug store, and they gave me relief from backache and pains in my sides."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Fisher had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props, Buffalo, N. Y.

Centerville Lump Coal, well forked, $4 per ton, delivered or at Burlington track. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart. tf.

LETTER LIST.

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville postoffice for the week ending Wednesday, December 23:

Men.

Beck, Robert.
Gilfillon, H.
Gray, H. (official).
Helmer, J. C.
Kloth, Will.
Null, B. R.
Robertson, Frank.
Wilson, Harry H.

Women.

Bailey, Mrs. E. V.
Clayton, Mrs. Alfred.
Drake, Grace.
Dungy, Miss Grace.
Johnson, Miss Florence.
Wyss, Miss Maby Ellen.

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised."

JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank each and every one of our neighbors for their loving kindness and sympathy in the sad bereavement of the death of our daughter and sister; also for the many beautiful flowers sent. May God bless you all.—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Abshire and Children.

Make Pre-Christmas Shipments.

The following Nodaway county farmers marketed live stock in St. Joseph yesterday: Joe Holker, G. H. Swaney, Boyer & Co., Sherlock & Co., Hogan & Co., John Dowden, H. Rosequist and J. W. Milbank.

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(First Insertion Dec. 10, last Jan. 13.)

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that I, Fred P. Robinson, assignee of the estate of William B. Finn, deceased, being satisfied that it is no longer advantageous to the creditors of said assignor to keep the assignment open, will, on the 18th day of January, 1915, file my application with the clerk of the circuit court of Nodaway county, Missouri, asking and praying for my full discharge from the trust as such assignee.

Witness my hand this 10th day of December, 1914.

FRED P. ROBINSON.

Flowers For Christmas

Roses
Carnation
Lillies of the Valley
Narcissus
Poinsettas, etc.,
Beautiful Bloomy Cyclamen, Azaleas, Begonias, Ferns, etc.,
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FOR RENT—A five room house close in. Call Farmers phone 62.

FOR RENT OR SALE—Modern 10-room house. Phone 4377 Hanamo. Mrs. W. W. Byers. 22-tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room, three blocks from square. 110 South Fillmore. 10-tf

FOR RENT—Property on North Main street. See Martin Lewis. 17-tf

For Sale.

FOR SALE—Plymouth Rock cockerels, 80c apiece, all nice ones. Mrs. T. E. Hall, Farmers phone 513, 4 miles west of Maryville. 18-24

WOOD FOR SALE—All dry ash, hickory and oak, $3.00 and $4.00 for full guaranteed cord. Other wood $1.00 load. Will deliver. Native lumber for sale. Saunders Bros., Hanamo phone 3698. 14-tf

FOR SALE—Car of Swift's digester tankage. At Burlington tracks. Prices right. See us before you buy. Childress & Co. 2-tf

FOR SALE—White Orpington cockerels, English strain. W. A. Rhodes, phone Ravenwood. 12-tf

FOR SALE—60 acres well improved, 2½ miles S. E. Arkoe. For price and terms see owner on premises. M. A. LOGAN, Barnard R. 3. 12-1mo.

Car of upland prairie hay at track at $12.00 per ton.
22-24 GLOVER & ALEXANDER.

FOR SALE—Furniture; bedstead, chairs, etc. 222 S. Fillmore. Phone 309.

Miscellaneous.

WOOD—Sawed oak wood, $5 a cord delivered, and coal. Phone 6229. Partridge & McLain. 4-31

Get your shoes shined and trousers pressed at London Pantatorium. Work guaranteed. 30tf.

STRAYED—From the Gallatin Craig farm 3½ miles northeast of Maryville a red or roan yearling steer. Please phone any information. Farmers phone 7-12. ALBERT APPLEBY.

SANITARY ENGINEERING requires experienced mechanics and good materials. Our appliances and "knowing how" insures satisfaction. Standard Plumbing Co.

FRESH OYSTERS—Direct from the coast. 20 cents the pint.—ANDREWS and Hempstead. 10tf.

NEW BARBER SHOP—W. H. Warden, who run the barber shop under the Nodaway Valley bank, has started a shop in Ream hotel, and will be glad to see his old customers as well as new ones. My prices from now on will be: Children's hair cut, 15c. W. H. Warden, Prop. 19-26

LOST—Stick pin, brown setting, small pearl, safety on end. Return to Democrat-Forum. $3-25

Will Visit Parents.

W. M. Oakerson, county school superintendent, will leave this afternoon for Skidmore to spend Christmas and the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Oakerson.

High grade Illinois Lump, Egg or Nut Coal, well forked. $4.75 to $5 per ton. Burlington track or delivered. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart. tf

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